



The Center for Faith-Based & Community Initiatives NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 13, 2009

Letter from the Director

Dear Newsletter Recipients,

As an office, we receive numerous questions from NGOs about registering with the Agency as a Private Voluntary Organization or a PVO. On our October 22, 2009 conference call, we will be joined by Craig Lamberton and Mary Newton, the current and former PVO registrars. If your U.S.-based NGO has yet to take this step, please join us. Call details are below.

I am also pleased to note that the minutes from the recent call with Joshua DuBois have been posted to our website.

Warmest regards,

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AT A GLANCE...

1) Announcements, Tools & Information:

- **SAVE THE DATE:** CFBCI Conference call on PVO Registration – October 22, 2009
- **SAVE THE DATE:** Public Meeting of the Advisory Council for Voluntary Foreign Aid on Food Security – October 21, 2009
- Notes from the Conference Call with Joshua DuBois, Executive Director of the White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships.

2) Recent News from USAID

3) Grant Opportunities:

- USAID and U.S. Department of State

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ANNOUNCEMENTS, TOOLS & INFORMATION

MARK YOUR

In many cases, U.S.-based NGOs wishing to compete for USAID funding are

CALENDARS

PVO Registration Call

**October 22, 2009
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm ET**

required to register with the Agency as Private Voluntary Organizations (PVOs). For the next CFBCI conference call, we are privileged to have both the current PVO registrar and his predecessor as our invited guests.

In order to make the most of this call, please review the PVO registration website which you can find [here](#). Bring your questions, and join us for the call!

Please call in a few minutes early to allow time to be connected to the call.

USAID CFBCI Conference Call on PVO Registration

**Date: October 22, 2009
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm ET**

**International #: (816) 650-7866
Domestic #: (866) 306-0035
Conference ID: 33272723**

SAVE THE DATE

October 21, 2009

Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid (ACVFA) Public Meeting on Food Security

**Jack Morton Auditorium,
George Washington University
Washington, DC**

ACVFA PUBLIC MEETING: FOOD SECURITY – BEST PRACTICES IN IMPLEMENTATION

On October 21, 2009, the Advisory Council on Voluntary Foreign Aid will hold its next public meeting. Highlights include:

Keynote: Ambassador James Michel, Counselor to the Agency, will provide a Message from USAID.

Keynote: Franklin Moore, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Africa, USAID will provide an overview of food security programs in USAID and introduce the topic of the day – best practices in implementing food security programs.

Panel Discussion on Best Practices: A panel discussion will be held featuring presenters from organizations in the field who implement food security programs – what has worked and what has not. Panel members will include Tom Verdoorn, Vice President, International Development Division, Land O'Lakes; Peter McPherson, President, Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities and Leader Group Member of the Chicago Council on Global Affairs; and Kristin Penn, Senior Director for Agriculture at the Millennium Challenge Corporation.

To register and for more information, [click here](#).

ADDITIONAL RESOURCE

Notes from the

On September 22, 2009, the CFBCI held a conference call with Mr. Joshua DuBois, Special Assistant to the President and Executive Director of the White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships. To

**September 22, 2009
Conference Call with
Mr. Joshua DuBois
of the
White House Office of
Faith-Based and
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Partnerships**

read the minutes from this call, click [here](#).

Here is an excerpt from the call with Mr. DuBois:

The President is committed to working with NGOs in the United States and across the globe to strengthen communities. The White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships (FBNP) is helping to lead this effort. President Obama has renamed the office and shifted its focus in some ways.

We are facing serious challenges across the globe – disease, the economy, children not receiving the education they need. President Obama has recognized that we can't solve these problems in Washington alone. To do this we need to connect with the real change agents – the community groups, the faith-based groups and others who are on the ground working with people in need.

The goal of the White House Office is to connect these groups and the government so that they can together better serve communities and people in need...

Don't forget, the notes from all the previous CFBCI conference calls are posted [here](#).

RECENT NEWS FROM USAID

USAID Press Releases



You may not see it highlighted in your local newspaper, but USAID is working every day to fight disease and poverty, to respond to disaster and to improve the lives of individuals and families around the world. Here are just a few examples of USAID's work over the last few weeks.

- [U.S. Announces Community Grant Awards to Fight Malaria](#)
- [30 New Grant Awards Given to U.S. Charitable Organizations to Fight Hunger](#)
- [USAID Provides Emergency Aid in Aftermath of Sumatra Quake](#)
- [FrontLines](#), USAID's monthly newspaper, provides additional insights on USAID programs and the development world.
- For more recent news updates, click [here](#).

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

USAID FUNDING

(check out grants.gov for the most up-to-date information on grant and funding opportunities as information does change)

USAID/Kampala - Strengthening Uganda's Systems for Treating AIDS Nationally - USAID is seeking applications from eligible and qualified local and international organizations and institutions that are interested in implementing a program to strengthen the national systems for delivery of HIV/AIDS services in Uganda by providing quality HIV/AIDS care and treatment, and related laboratory services at regional referral and district hospitals in Uganda and to build the capacity of the public and private sector to provide care and treatment in a sustainable manner. **The closing date of this announcement is October 15, 2009.**

Funding Opportunities Glossary:

Annual Program Statement (APS)-

- An APS is used to generate competition for activities that are complementary to USAID's strategic objectives. They originate from USAID offices and missions around the world and solicit creative approaches and programs that will accomplish defined objectives.

Request for Applications (RFA)-

- RFAs invite interested parties to submit competitive applications for USAID assistance, explaining what the application should contain, how it should be written, and the evaluation criteria to be used.

For more information, [click here](#).

USAID/Central Asian Republics: Access to Justice and Human Rights in Kyrgyzstan

- The USAID Regional Mission to the Central Asian Republics (CAR) is seeking applications from all qualified organizations for the Access to Justice and Human Rights Program in Kyrgyzstan. USAID/CAR is seeking assistance in the following areas: To increase access to more professional, better skilled and independent defense attorneys and to advance local capacity for human rights protection. **The closing date of this announcement is October 19, 2009.** For more information, [click here](#).

USAID/Dhaka: Promoting Electoral Democracy Project - USAID Bangladesh is issuing this Request for Applications for a five-year Cooperative Agreement titled Promoting Electoral Democracy to support political and electoral processes in Bangladesh. The purpose of this agreement will be to support political party reform and further improve the electoral process in Bangladesh. **The closing date of this announcement is October 27, 2009.** For more information, [click here](#).

USAID: Statement for Conflict Mitigation and Reconciliation Programs and Activities - The USAID Bureau for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance (DCHA), Office of Conflict Management and Mitigation (CMM), invites applications for funding from qualified U.S. and non-U.S., non-profit or for-profit non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), and International Organizations (PIO or IO) to carry out activities that mitigate conflict and promote reconciliation by bringing together individuals of different ethnic, religious or political backgrounds from areas of civil conflict and war in the countries listed in the APS. **The closing date of this announcement is October 27, 2009.** For more information, [click here](#).

USAID/Food for Peace - The USAID Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance, Office of Food For Peace (DCHA/FFP) is seeking applications from eligible institutions for a program titled "Technical and Operational Performance Support (TOPS)" through the award of one Leader with Associates Cooperative Agreement. With this RFA, USAID's objective is to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of the Title II food aid programs by improving the technical knowledge and operations and promoting food aid commodity program best practices through coordination and delivery of institutional strengthening and capacity building support for current Title II awardees and prospective awardees worldwide. **The closing date for this announcement is October 27, 2009.** For more information, [click here](#).

USAID/Columbia: Enhanced Livelihoods Initiative – USAID intends to issue a Request for Applications (RFA) on/or about September 10, 2009 for an anticipated five-year cooperative agreement for the Consolidation and Enhanced Livelihoods Initiative for Montes de Maria. This project is designed to advance the Government of Columbia's National Consolidation Plan in the Montes de Maria region towards a sustainable end state where peace and security are permanent, civilian state entities are providing the services expected of any legitimate and democratically-elected government, licit livelihoods supplant illegal economic activities and citizen participation demands accountable, transparent governance. **The closing date of this announcement is October 30, 2009.** For more information, [click here](#).

USAID: Global Food Security Response: Africa Action Plan - The purpose of this Annual Program Statement (APS) is to publish information about the intention of USAID's Bureau for Africa to fund proposals to contribute to the

objectives of the Global Food Security Response through forming public-private and/or private-private alliances to support the development of effective staple food value-chains in West Africa. This APS describes the strategy, the APS application process, the criteria for evaluating applications, and information on administration of awards and point of contract. [The closing date of this announcement is October 31, 2009.](#) For more information, [click here.](#)

USAID/Moscow - HIV Prevention for At-Risk Populations Project – USAID/Russia is seeking applications from U.S. non-governmental and non-U.S. non-governmental organizations for implementation of the HIV Prevention for At-Risk Populations Project in the Russian Federation. This project aims to contribute to the Government of Russia's fight against HIV/AIDS. Prospective applicants are advised that the applicant funded under this RFA will be required to comply with Russian laws and regulations. This includes changes to the registration and reporting obligations for foreign and Russian NGOs working in Russia. [The closing date of this announcement is November 4, 2009.](#) For more information, [click here.](#)

NEW! USAID/Lima: Strengthening Ecuadorian Justice Project – The U.S. Government is committed to support Ecuador's long-term efforts to strengthen the Rule of Law because a functioning and respected rule of law, with an effective justice system, contributes to increased public satisfaction with government, reduces corruption, and enhances democratic stability. Through this project, USAID will focus its support in key areas that will contribute to the strengthening of Ecuadorian Justice: (a) application of the criminal justice system – including the enforcement of recently passed reforms-, (b) access to legal services by vulnerable groups of the population, (c) civil society's oversight of the restructuring and functioning of justices institutions, and (d) transparency in the judiciary. [The closing date of this announcement is November 16, 2009.](#) For more information, [click here.](#)

NEW! USAID/Pretoria - Strengthening Clinical Services in Lesotho – The USAID Mission to Southern Africa is seeking applications from organizations to implement a five-year program to assist USAID to implement and manage a strengthening of clinical services program in Lesotho. The purpose of this program is to conduct activities involving effective and tested approaches to providing comprehensive and integrated HIV/AIDS care and treatment to include activities being provided under current PMTCT programs. This phase of activity will require demonstration of an effective level of collaboration, coordination, and integration of policy, technical approaches, programs, stakeholders, and partnerships in accordance with the Government of Lesotho's HIV/AIDS strategy, the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare policy, procedures and guidelines, the Partnership Framework and USG PEPFAR guidance in Lesotho. [The closing date of this announcement is November 16, 2009.](#) For more information, [click here.](#)

NEW! USAID/Monrovia – Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Program in Liberia – The purpose of this solicitation is invite application to provide technical services for Water, Sanitation and Hygiene program activity in Liberia. The activity is part of USAID/Health Program. The activity duration is expected five years. The purpose of the WASH activities to be supported with USAID funding provided for rebuilding Liberia under its current mandate and in context of the USAID Health program is to make measurable improvements in water supply, sanitation, hygiene and the enabling environment (for WASH) in target areas within six counties (of 15 total) in Liberia and selected communities of greater Monrovia. [The closing date of this announcement is November 24, 2009.](#) For more information, [click here.](#)

NEW! USAID/Kampala – Increase Participation of People with Disabilities – USAID/Uganda invites applications to carry out activities, under grants, that increase participation of people with disabilities (PWDs) in USAID activities and strengthen the capacities of disabled people’s organizations (DPOs). The purpose of this APS is to disseminate information about this activity to prospective applicants so that they may develop and submit concept papers for USAID funding. Applicants must use the "Disability Concept Paper Application Form" attached to this APS when submitting their concept papers. This APS describes: (1) the type of activities or programs for which applications will be considered; (2) the funding available and the process and requirements of submitting applications; and (3) explains the criteria for USAID evaluation of applications. **The closing date for this announcement is November 30, 2009.** For more information, [click here](#).

USAID/OFDA: Emergency Assistance in Iraq – The USAID Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance anticipates awarding multiple cooperative agreements and/or grants as a result of this APS, targeting humanitarian interventions that facilitate and anchor returnees and also maintaining emergency support for displaced and vulnerable communities with special concern for, but not limited to war widows, women and children, and disabled civilians. **The closing date of this announcement is December 13, 2009.** For more information, [click here](#).

USAID/Zimbabwe: Restoring Livelihoods - Zimbabwe - The purpose of this Annual Program Statement (APS) is to publish information about the intention of USAID/Zimbabwe to fund cooperative agreements to contribute to its broad objective of restoring livelihoods. This Annual Program Statement (APS) is intended to solicit applications covering a broad range of interventions—in terms of intended beneficiaries, sectors, and locations—with the ultimate goal of restoring livelihoods. The objectives of this APS are Livelihoods Restored and Maintained/Economy Stabilized and Growing, Increased Income and Employment Generated by the Agricultural Sector. **The closing date of this announcement is February 27, 2010.** For more information, [click here](#).

USAID/Cairo - Through this APS, USAID/Egypt intends to support programs of Egyptian non-governmental organizations. Eligible organizations interested in receiving funding for programs and activities under the Civil Society Program are invited to carefully read this APS in its entirety and to follow the grant application guidance in order to apply for funds. There is a two-stage application process consisting of the submission of an initial concept paper and then – upon invitation by USAID – the submission of a full application. **The closing date of this APS is April 30, 2010.** For more information, [click here](#).

USAID/Jakarta – The USAID Mission to Indonesia is seeking applications from U.S. institutions of higher education that support USAID/Indonesia’s development strategy through partnership activities between institutions of higher education in Indonesia and the United States. **The closing date of this announcement is August 9, 2010.** For more information, [click here](#).

USAID/Lilongwe: Public Private Alliances in Education, Care, and Support for OVCS and Agriculture – USAID seeks to expand its use of strategic alliances with the private and non-governmental sectors. The USAID/Malawi Mission invites interest from prospective local and international partner organizations to form Global Development Alliances to support USAID/Malawi’s development objectives. Alliance partners are expected to bring significant new resources, ideas, technologies, and/or partners to address development problems that USAID/Malawi is currently working to address.

Successful applications will bring at least a 1:1 resource leveraging to priority development activities within USAID/Malawi's strategic focus areas. Through our Global Development Alliances, USAID/Malawi can facilitate access to broader financing options, assist in skill and knowledge development, and apply its extensive knowledge in Malawi to help strengthen and complement private development resources. **The closing date of this announcement is September 10, 2010.** For more information, [click here](#).

U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT FUNDING

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Middle East Partnership Initiative - New Empowerment Communication Technologies: Opportunities in the Middle East and North Africa - The Office of the Partnership Initiative (NEA/PI) announces an open competition seeking pilot proposals that will leverage innovative new technologies to connect people – particularly youth – in order to expand civic participation, increase new media capabilities for civil society, and enhance online educational opportunities in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA). **The closing date of this announcement is October 23, 2009.** For more information, [click here](#).

NEW! Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor - Malaysia Programs - The Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor (DRL) announces a Request for Proposals (RFP) from organizations interested in submitting proposals for projects that support good governance, media assistance and religious tolerance in Malaysia. **The closing date of this announcement is October 23, 2009.** For more information, [click here](#).

NEW! Middle East Partnership Initiative - Saudi Arabia: Women's Civic Participation, Judicial Engagement, and Governance and Public Management Fellowships - The Office of the Middle East Partnership Initiative (NEA/PI) announces an open competition for proposals to strengthen women's participation, governance, and judicial capacity in Saudi Arabia. This call is consistent with the President's message of supporting women's rights and improving good governance and rule of law at all levels. **The closing date of this announcement is November 16, 2009.** For more information, [click here](#).

Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs - Lincoln Learning Centers in Afghanistan - The Public Affairs Section (PAS) of the U.S. Embassy in Kabul announces an open competition for a cooperative agreement to coordinate logistics associated with establishing and administering Lincoln Learning Centers during the period of January 5, 2010 to May 31, 2011. Lincoln Learning Centers are information and program venues located in non-U.S. government sites throughout Afghanistan. Locations of the new Lincoln Learning Centers will be determined by the U.S. Embassy. Lincoln Learning Centers help maintain open dialogue and build bridges of understanding, representing the nation's long-standing commitment to spread the ideas and values of American democracy and civil society. Materials, hardware, furnishings, and renovation costs will be supplied by U.S. Embassy Kabul. **The closing date of this announcement is November 16, 2009.** For more information, [click here](#).

NEW! Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor - Request for Proposals: Democracy, Human Rights and Rule of Law for countries in Africa, Europe, South and Central Asia, the Near East, and the Western Hemisphere – The Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor (DRL) announces a Request for Proposals from organizations interested in submitting proposals for projects that promote democracy, human rights and the

rule of law for countries in Africa (Cameroon, Zimbabwe and Regional), East Asia Pacific (Fiji, Laos, Timor Leste and Regional), Europe (Armenia, Belarus, Moldova, Russia, OSCE and Regional), the Near East (Jordan, Morocco, West Bank / Occupied Territories, Yemen and Regional), South and Central Asia (Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Regional), and the Western Hemisphere (Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala, Haiti, Mexico and Nicaragua). **The closing date of this announcement is November 17, 2009.** For more information, [click here](#).

NEW! Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs - FY-2010 Study of the United States Institutes for Scholars - The Branch for the Study of the United States, Office of Academic Exchange Programs, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, invites proposal submissions for the design and implementation of three Study of the United States Institutes to take place over the course of six weeks beginning in June 2010. These Institutes should provide a multinational group of experienced educators with a deeper understanding of U.S. society, culture, values, and institutions. Two of these Institutes will be for groups of 18 foreign university level faculty, focusing on U.S. Culture and Society, and Journalism and Media. The third Institute will be a general survey course on the study of the United States for a group of 30 foreign secondary educators. Applicants may propose to host only one Institute listed under this competition. **The closing date of this announcement is December 3, 2009.** For more information, [click here](#).